



July 14, 2003

MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Re:

Application of Kenji SHIMIZU, Akira SAKAWAKI, Hiroshi SAKAI, Takashi

HIKOSAKA and Takeshi IWASAKI

MAGNETIC RECORDING MEDIUM, METHOD OF MANUFACTURING THE SAME, AND MAGNETIC RECORDING AND REPRODUCTION

APPARATUS

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Our Ref. Q71182



Attached hereto is the application identified above comprising thirty (30) sheets of the specification, including the claims and abstract and two (2) sheets of drawings. The executed Declaration and Power of Attorney and Assignment will be submitted at a later date. Also enclosed please find a Preliminary Amendment.

Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the following sentence:

This application claims benefit of Provisional Application No. 60/397,097 filed July 22,

2002; the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference.

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

Total claims	20 20	=_	X	\$18.00	=	\$.00
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TOTAL FEE \$750.00

A check for the statutory filing fee of \$750.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.





Priority is claimed from:

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The priority document is enclosed herewith.

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